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jointed stent-graft sections to allow the prosthesis to adapt to the highly tortuous arteries associated with aneurysm patients.

Referring now to Figs. 5A-C, an alternative flexible prosthesis section may comprise a coil-shaped stent structure, in which the coils are separated from each other by a distance which allows the liner material to flex easily, thereby providing a prosthetic structure with both axial flexibility and hoop strength.

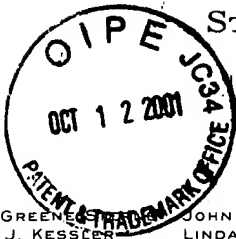
A limitation of known coiled expandable stent-graft structures is that they induce relative motion between the liner and support materials, the coil unwinding as the liner expands. Coiled prosthetic structure 82 overcomes this limitation by including an expandable coil 84 with an expansible liner material 86. As the prosthesis perimeter increases in size, expandable coil 84 elongates, preferably by deformation of a series of linked diamond-shaped elements 88. As the coil frame expands with the liner material, these two structures may be attached directly together at a plurality of locations without binding.

The expandable coil may be either self-expanding, preferably comprising a highly resilient material, ideally comprising a shape memory alloy such as super-elastic Nitinol™, or the like. Alternatively, the coil may comprise a malleable material, typically a plastically deformable metal such as stainless steel, tantalum, martensitic shape memory alloy such as Nitinol™, a shape memory polymer, or the like.

The liner will optionally an expandable tubular material, often being a woven polyester such as Dacron™, or may alternatively comprise a plastically expansible material such as PTFE, partially oriented yarn, or an annealed or wrapped composite fiber such as those more fully described in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/595,944, filed February 6, 1996 (Attorney-Docket No. 16380-004010), the full disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Optionally, the liner may also include a ribbed polymer as described above. As illustrated in Fig. 5D, a ribbed PTFE

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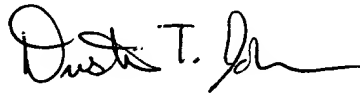
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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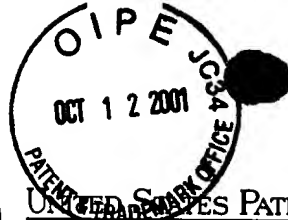
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A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Page(s) 20 of the specification (description and claims).

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b)**. In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

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